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### **Contractor License Revocations**

Contract irregularities, abandonment, retention of funds top list of violations

**RICHMOND** – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued 18 license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, July 19. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at <a href="www.dpor.virginia.gov">www.dpor.virginia.gov</a> under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

# VALUE PAINTING & HOME IMPROVEMENTS, INC. FAIRFAX, VA

File Number 2005-00423

COMPLAINANT – Geraldine Warren (Fairfax, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Value Painting failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; practiced outside its class of license; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to apply for a new license upon a change in business entity; was convicted of a misdemeanor after initial licensure and failed to notify the Board of the conviction.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705073265 and a \$7,450 fine.

# MASTER BUILDERS & HOME IMPROVEMENTS, INC. MANASSAS, VA

File Number 2004-04337

COMPLAINANT – Man Tran and Vy Nguyen (Brambleton, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Master Builders failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705063390 and a \$4,600 fine.

#### File Number 2004-04338

COMPLAINANT – Young Sohn (Brambleton, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Master Builders failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; and abandoned the project.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705063390 and a \$2,900 fine.

### File Number 2004-04602

COMPLAINANT – James Hottle (Vienna, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Master Builders failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain required building permits; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and engaged in misconduct in the practice of contracting. BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705063390 and a \$5.400 fine.

# BRITT BARBOUR trading as LASTING IMPRESSIONS CENTREVILLE, VA

File Number 2005-00507

COMPLAINANT – Anna and David Egbert (Woodbridge, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Barbour engaged in false, deceptive or misleading advertising relating to contracting; failed to execute fully a written contract and to include all required provisions; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; practiced outside his license specialty; engaged in misconduct in the practice of contracting; violated the building code; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to notify the Board of a change of address.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705083515 and a \$5,700 fine.

### File Number 2005-00465

COMPLAINANT – John Munn (Woodbridge, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Barbour failed to execute fully a written contract and to include all required provisions; engaged in negligence or incompetence by performing work improperly; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to notify the Board of a change of address.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705083515 and a \$4,400 fine.

# TIMOTHY D. BERRY, JR. trading as INSIDEOUT CONSTRUCTION WOODBRIDGE, VA

File Number 2005-01765

COMPLAINANT – Gabriele Johnson (Springfield, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Berry practiced outside his class of license; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; engaged in misconduct in the practice of contracting; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to notify the Board of a change of address.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705074131 and a \$4,100 fine.

# TAMARA & JAMES MADDOX trading as MOUNTAIN VIEW CONSTRUCTION FREDERICKSBURG, VA

File Number 2005-00155

COMPLAINANT – Irma Peil (Stafford, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Mountain View failed to execute fully a written contract and abandoned the project.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705080997 and a \$1,750 fine.

# TURCOTTE PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC EXMORE, VA

File Number 2005-00296

COMPLAINANT – Joyce Gillen Kenney (Parksley, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Turcotte failed to execute fully a written contract and to include all required provisions; practiced outside its class of license; engaged in misconduct in the practice of contracting; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; failed to complete work for which it contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705072430 and a \$5,600 fine.

# DENNIS WAYNE CRABBE trading as BRICK & BLOCK DOCTORS CALLAO, VA

File Number 2005-03567

COMPLAINANT – Seungho Park (Lancaster, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Crabbe practiced outside his class of license; failed to execute fully a written contract and to include all required provisions; and abandoned the project.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705076694 and a \$3,800 fine.

# MICHAEL C. WADE trading as C W CONTRACTING WILLIAMSBURG, VA

File Number 2005-02191

COMPLAINANT – Carl Burgan (Williamsburg, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Wade failed to operate in the name in which his license was issued; failed to apply for a new license upon a change in business entity; failed to obtain required building permits; contracted with unlicensed subcontractors (five violations); and failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705037277 and a \$5,500 fine.

# SWEITZER'S EXTERIORS, INC. VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

File Number 2005-03249

COMPLAINANT – Senie VandeRiet (Chesapeake, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Sweitzer's Exteriors failed to execute fully a written contract and to include all required provisions; failed to complete work for which it contracted; and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705078795 and a \$2,550 fine.

# WILLIS E. CULLOP trading as CULLOP'S CONSTRUCTION BLACKSTONE, VA

File Number 2005-04141

COMPLAINANT – Virginia Board for Contractors

VIOLATIONS – The Nottoway County Circuit Court found Cullop's actions constituted improper or dishonest conduct in the practice of contracting.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705070563.

## RHONDA G. KEYSER trading as KEYSER'S TLC NEWSOMS, VA

File Number 2005-03371

COMPLAINANT – Lucy Beale (Franklin, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Keyser failed to execute fully a written contract and to include all required provisions (3 violations); practiced outside her class of license; abandoned the project; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705077985 and a \$6,800 fine.

# DOVE'S HOMES, INC. FARMVILLE, VA

File Number 2005-00998

COMPLAINANT – Diane and Carl James (Buckingham County, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Dove's failed to include all required provisions in the written contract and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705049798 and a \$1,300 fine.

# RONALD DEAN WALKER ROANOKE, VA

File Number 2005-02767

COMPLAINANT – James Stallard (Glasgow, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Walker failed to operate in the name in which his license was issued; failed to execute fully a written contract and to include all required provisions; engaged in misrepresentation; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to notify the Board of a change of address.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705068964 and a \$4,100 fine.

# JOHN EDWARD CALLAHAN trading as ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRUCTION ROANOKE, VA

File Number 2005-01486

COMPLAINANT – North Side Supply (Bedford, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Callahan failed to operate in the name in which his license was issued; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705086859 and a \$3,500 fine.

### File Number 2005-03578

COMPLAINANT – Virginia Department of Labor and Industry

VIOLATIONS – Callahan practiced outside his license specialty and engaged in negligence or incompetence by performing work improperly.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705086859.

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#### **About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:**

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating more than 30 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies nearly 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses more than 95,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed trades men in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to eligible consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed contractors, not by any tax revenues.

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